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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: : Docket No.: 6674-0038-1
SYLVIE GAUTHIER et al. : Date: October 3, 2006
Serial No.: 10/762,104 : Examiner: M. Dixon
Filing Date: 1/20/2004 : Art Unit: 1774
Title: LEATHER LAMINATED DECORATIVE PANEL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir/Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of June 6, 2006, the time period to respond being extended to expire by one month to October 6, 2006.

The present application was originally filed with claims 1-20. Claims 10-20 were later withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement dated February 13, 2006, in which Applicants elected claims 1-9 for prosecution in the present application. Thereafter, an Office Action dated June 6, 2006 was mailed to the undersigned. However, an inspection of that Office Action revealed that while claims 1-9 were indicated on form PTOL-326 as being rejected, claims 6 and 7 were not addressed in the body of that Office Action. Several subsequent phone conversations between the Applicants' representatives and the Examiner took place in July, August and September 2006. In each conversation the Examiner agreed with the Applicants that claims 6 and 7 were not addressed in the Office Action of June 6, 2006, and that the Examiner would issue a replacement Office Action which would specifically address claims 6 and 7. The Examiner also agreed that by sending the replacement Office Action in place of the June 6, 2006 Office Action, the period of time for Applicants to respond to the replacement Office Action would be restarted. However, to this date, no replacement Office Action was received by the Applicants, and a recent check of the Public PAIR system on